



# Georgia HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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## DAILY REPORT

17th  
Legislative  
Day

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- The House will reconvene for its 18th Legislative Day on Tuesday, February 14 at 10:00 a.m.
- The Rules Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m.
- Two bills / resolutions are expected to be debated on the floor.

### Today on the Floor

#### Rules Calendar

##### **HB 129 Public assistance; expand temporary assistance for needy families eligibility criteria to pregnant women**

Bill Summary: HB 129 expands the eligibility criteria for temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) to pregnant women.

**Authored By:** Rep. Soo Hong (103rd)  
**House Committee:** Public Health  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 173 Nays: 1

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee Action:** 02-07-2023 Do Pass  
**Amendments:**

##### **HB 139 Criminal procedure; restrictions of disclosure of personal information of nonsworn employees; provisions**

Bill Summary: HB 139 restricts disclosure of the home address, date of birth, and home telephone number of a non-sworn employee of a law enforcement agency in criminal cases in which the prosecuting attorney is required to disclose the witnesses who will testify at trial. The prosecuting attorney will instead disclose the employee's current work location/phone number. The list of witnesses whose testimony led to a criminal charge, which must be presented to a defense attorney prior to a defendant's arraignment, will also disclose the current work location/phone number of both law enforcement officers and non-sworn employees of law enforcement agencies rather than their home address, date of birth, and home telephone number. Any non-sworn employee who has left the agency or retired shall use the address and phone number of the last agency where he or she worked. Non-sworn employees of law enforcement agencies cannot be compelled to reveal their home address when testifying in their official capacity, although courts can require an employee to answer questions regarding their home address if the fact is a material issue in the proceeding.

**Authored By:** Rep. Clint Crowe (118th)  
**House Committee:** Judiciary Non-Civil  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 174 Nays: 0

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee Action:** 02-06-2023 Do Pass  
**Amendments:**

## **Next on the Floor from the Committee on Rules**

*The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 18th Legislative Day, Tuesday, February 14, and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker. The Rules Committee will next meet on Tuesday, February 14, at 9:00 a.m., to set the Rules Calendar for the 19th Legislative Day.*

### **HB 76 Professions and businesses; education, experience, and training requirements for licensure in marriage and family therapy; revise provisions**

Bill Summary: HB 76 revises the requirements for an associate marriage and family therapist license to allow the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education to determine the coursework requirements and the type, and minimum amount of hours, of clinical experience applicants must have. The bill also revises the clinical experience requirements for those currently licensed as an associate marriage and family therapist, those with a qualifying master's degree, and those with a qualifying doctorate degree.

**Authored By:** Rep. Alan Powell (33rd)  
**House** Regulated Industries  
**Committee:**

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee** 02-07-2023 Do Pass  
**Action:**

### **HB 176 Courts; increase amount of court reporters' monthly contingent expense and travel allowance**

Bill Summary: HB 176 amends O.C.G.A. 15-14-6 to increase the amounts paid per month to superior court reporters as a contingent expense and travel allowance.

**Authored By:** Rep. Stan Gunter (8th)  
**House** Judiciary  
**Committee:**

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee** 02-09-2023 Do Pass  
**Action:**

## **Committee Actions**

*Bills passing committees are reported to the Clerk's Office and are placed on the General Calendar.*

## **Health Committee**

### **HB 203 Health; restrictions on sale and dispensing of contact lenses with respect to physicians; revise provisions**

Bill Summary: HB 203 prohibits the writing of a contact lens prescription by any prescriber unless that state-licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist has completed all measurements, tests, and examinations necessary to satisfy their professional judgment that the patient is a viable candidate to wear contact lenses, and has evaluated and fitted the contact lenses to the patient's eyes. The bill creates an assessment mechanism for conducting an eye assessment or generating a contact lens or spectacle prescription, and sets regulations for use of an assessment mechanism. The bill requires a prescriber using electronic prescriptions be held to the same standards of care as those used in traditional in-person clinical settings.

**Authored By:** Rep. Mark Newton (127th)  
**House** Health  
**Committee:**

**Committee** 02-13-2023 Do Pass  
**Action:**

### **HB 215 Professions and businesses; licensure of advanced practice registered nurses; provisions**

Bill Summary: HB 215 creates licensure requirements for advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) and changes the definition of APRN to a person licensed by the Georgia Board of Nursing who is either a certified nurse midwife; certified nurse practitioner; certified registered nurse anesthetist; clinical nurse specialist or clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health; or a

recognized APRN before June 30, 2006. The bill makes it a misdemeanor to practice as an APRN without a license, and adds licensed APRN and physician assistant to the list of providers eligible to execute affidavits for specialty parking tags based on a person's disability.

**Authoring By:** Rep. Alan Powell (33rd)  
**House** Health  
**Committee:**

**Committee** 02-13-2023 Do Pass  
**Action:**

## Judiciary Non-Civil Committee

### HB 88 Coleman-Baker Act; enact

**Bill Summary:** HB 88 is known as the 'Coleman-Baker Act' and requires the head of an agency or their designee to review a cold case murder when requested in writing, to determine if a full reinvestigation would result in the identification of probative investigative leads or a likely perpetrator. The review must look at what procedures may have been missed initially; whether witnesses should be interviewed or reinterviewed; if forensic evidence was properly tested and analyzed; and perform an update of the case file using the most current investigative standards to the extent it would help develop probative leads.

The agency must conduct a full investigation if, at the agency's sole discretion, the review concludes that a full reinvestigation would result in additional, previously unidentified probative leads or a likely perpetrator. An investigation cannot be fully conducted by a person who previously investigated the case, and only one full reinvestigation can be undertaken at one time with respect to the same victim. If a full reinvestigation is completed and a likely perpetrator is not identified, no additional investigation shall occur for a period of five years from the conclusion of the reinvestigation, unless there is newly discovered material evidence.

Each law enforcement agency is required to develop a written application and procedures, and the agency must provide a written notification of receipt of the application as soon as reasonably possible. If a request does not meet the criteria, then the agency must provide the requestor with a letter stating that final review is not necessary. The law enforcement agency has six months from receipt of the application to complete its case file review and conclude whether or not a full reinvestigation is warranted. The agency can extend the time limit once for a maximum of six months if the agency finds that it would be unfeasible to comply with the original time limit.

The Carl Vinson Institute of Government will establish and maintain a case tracking system and searchable public website with information on the applications, extensions, number of reinvestigations, and individualized information on suspects, arrests, etc.

This process applies to any cold case murders that occurred on or after January 1, 1970. The bill allows a coroner or medical examiner to issue a death certificate with a non-specific cause of death.

**Authoring By:** Rep. Houston Gaines (120th)  
**House** Judiciary Non-Civil  
**Committee:**

**Committee** 02-13-2023 Do Pass by Committee  
**Action:** Substitute

### HB 181 Controlled Substances; mitragynine and hydroxymitragynine are Schedule I; provide

**Bill Summary:** HB 181 adds two compounds, mitragynine and hydroxymitragynine, that are found in kratom to Georgia's list of Schedule I controlled substances, which are prohibited drugs due to the high potential of abuse, no currently-accepted medical use in treatment in the United States, and lack of accepted safety for use of the drug under medical supervision.

**Authoring By:** Rep. Rick Townsend (179th)  
**House** Judiciary Non-Civil  
**Committee:**

**Committee** 02-13-2023 Tabled  
**Action:**

## Committee Meeting Schedule

*This meeting schedule is up to date at the time of this report, but meeting dates and times are subject to change.  
To keep up with the latest schedule, please visit [www.legis.ga.gov](http://www.legis.ga.gov) to view all upcoming events.*

### Tuesday - February 14, 2023

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| 8:00 AM  | <a href="#">INSURANCE COMMITTEE (House)</a>  | 415 CLOB          | <a href="#">VIDEO</a> <a href="#">Agenda</a> |
| 8:00 AM  | <a href="#">MOTOR VEHICLES COMMITTEE (House)</a>                                       | 606 CLOB          | <a href="#">VIDEO</a> <a href="#">Agenda</a> |
| 9:00 AM  | <a href="#">RULES COMMITTEE (House)</a>  | 341 CAP           | <a href="#">VIDEO</a> <a href="#">Agenda</a> |
| 10:00 AM | <a href="#">FLOOR SESSION (LD 18) (House)</a>  | House Chamber     | <a href="#">VIDEO</a>                        |
| 1:00 PM  | <a href="#">PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE (House)</a>  | 606 CLOB          | <a href="#">VIDEO</a> <a href="#">Agenda</a> |
| 1:00 PM  | <a href="#">JUDICIARY COMMITTEE (House)</a>  | 132 CAP           | <a href="#">VIDEO</a> <a href="#">Agenda</a> |
| 1:00 PM  | <a href="#">Public Safety and Homeland Security 2-A Subcommittee (House)</a>           | 415 CLOB          | <a href="#">VIDEO</a> <a href="#">Agenda</a> |
| 1:00 PM  | <a href="#">CANCELED Governmental Affairs Elections Subcommittee (House)</a>           | 415 CLOB          | <a href="#">VIDEO</a> <a href="#">Agenda</a> |
| 1:00 PM  | <a href="#">SPECIAL RULES COMMITTEE (House)</a>  | 406 CLOB          | <a href="#">VIDEO</a> <a href="#">Agenda</a> |
| 2:00 PM  | <a href="#">Regulated Industries Regulatory Subcommittee (House)</a>                   | 406 CLOB          | <a href="#">VIDEO</a> <a href="#">Agenda</a> |
| 2:00 PM  | <a href="#">Appropriations Public Safety Subcommittee (House)</a>                      | 606 CLOB          | <a href="#">VIDEO</a> <a href="#">Agenda</a> |
| 2:00 PM  | <a href="#">Appropriations Economic Development Subcommittee (House)</a>               | 506 CLOB          | <a href="#">VIDEO</a> <a href="#">Agenda</a> |
| 2:00 PM  | <a href="#">STATE PLANNING &amp; COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (House)</a>               | 515 CLOB          | <a href="#">VIDEO</a> <a href="#">Agenda</a> |
| 2:00 PM  | <a href="#">Governmental Affairs State &amp; Local Government Subcommittee (House)</a> | 415 CLOB          | <a href="#">VIDEO</a> <a href="#">Agenda</a> |
| 2:30 PM  | <a href="#">Appropriations Human Resources Subcommittee (House)</a>                    | 341 CAP           | <a href="#">VIDEO</a> <a href="#">Agenda</a> |
| 3:00 PM  | <a href="#">ENERGY, UTILITIES &amp; TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE (House)</a>           | 403 CAP<br>HYBRID | <a href="#">VIDEO</a> <a href="#">Agenda</a> |
| 3:00 PM  | <a href="#">GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMITTEE (House)</a>                                | 415 CLOB          | <a href="#">VIDEO</a> <a href="#">Agenda</a> |
| 3:30 PM  | <a href="#">Judiciary Non-Civil Leverett Subcommittee (House)</a>                      | 132 CAP           | <a href="#">VIDEO</a>                        |